

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 31-34 remain in the application. Claims 1-30 have been canceled in this response. Claims 31-34 are new claims.

Withdrawal of Appeal

In light of the Examiner's Answer mailed on April 7, 2006 indicating that claims 8-11 are allowable, the currently pending appeal for this case is hereby withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner's Answer mailed on April 7, 2006 indicates that claims 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly,

New claim 31 includes all the limitations of then claim 1 and allowable claim 8.

New claim 32 includes all the limitations of then claim 1 and allowable claim 9.

New claim 33 includes all the limitations of then claim 1 and allowable claim 10.

New claim 34 includes all the limitations of then claim 1 and allowable claim 11.

Conclusion

For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 31-34 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

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